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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

1. In your discussion with the President regarding the assignment to Bross' staff and subsequent promotion of General [ ] to Lieutenant General, the following facts are pertinent:

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The number of authorized three-star Generals is determined statutorily as a percentage of the total number of Generals of all categories authorized the Army. (This happens to be 475 General Officers, although counting reimbursable assignments not directly charged against the Army, the total on board happens to be 504.)

2. The President has the authority to designate certain positions as warranting a three-star assignment. The President has authorized forty Lieutenant General positions out of fifty-four legally possible.

3. Accordingly, all that is necessary in General [ ] case is for the President to authorize an additional Lieutenant General position to a total of forty-one. As you can see from the above, there are fourteen legal vacancies for promotion to Lieutenant General.

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